Habitations in the rural areas, with a population of 500 persons and above, by the end of the Tenth Plan Period (2007).

Setting up of National Rural Road Development Agency for implementation of PMGSY

4067. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether massive rural road construction programme under "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" (PMGSY) has recently been approved by Government as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 9th August, 2001;

(b) whether Government have authorised the Ministry of Rural Development to set up a National Rural Development Agency for this purpose;

(c) if so, what.is the total cost of the above programme and how State-wise implementation thereof will be undertaken; and

(d) whether over 1.40 lakh habitations across the country will be connected by road towards end of 2007 ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is estimated that the total cost of the Programme may be of the order of about Rs. 60,000 crore. The projects under PMGSY are formulated by the State Government based on the District Rural Roads Plans and, are executed by the State Authorities, after clearance of the same by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d) The Programme seeks to provide connectivity, by way of good All-weather Roads, to all Unconnected Habitations (currently estimated at 1.40 lakh) in the rural areas, with a population of 500 persons and above, by the end of the Tenth Plan Period (2007).

Extension of non-lapsable Centrally sponsored schemes to J & K

4068. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that funds for Centrally sponsored schemes remain un-utilised and get lapsed in most of the areas of J and K State due to limited working seasons of five to six months in a year in view of its topography and climate being such that execution of works cannot take place round the year; and

(b) whether in view of the above Government propose to extend the concession of Non-lapsable Centrally sponsored schemes to J & K State in view of the prevailing acute militancy ridden situation in the State on the analogy of North-East States, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU) : (a) The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP), the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and the Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) are the major rural development Schemes being implemented in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The limited working season would mainly affect the Schemes of employment generation and rural housing. However, in case of cold snow-bound districts of Jammu & Kashmir having a limited working season, the entire Central Assistance is being released in one installment. The funds available and the expenditure incurred by the Jammu and Kashmir Government during the last three years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is indicated below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	1998-1999		1999-2000		2000-2001	
		Total Available funds	Expenditure	Total Available funds	Expenditure	Total Available funds	Expenditure
1.	IRDP/SGSY	883.60	893.09	1113.72	787.32	877.32	402.62
2.	JRY/JGSY	1738.91	1489.06	1356.80	805.55	1073.83	971.08
3.	EAS	6542.50	5263.92	3737.02	2203.56	2608.99	1596.75
4.	IAY	1752.82	903.05	664.02	733.05	299.62	276.02
5.	ARWSP	7959.23	2735.37	8414.58	2337.25	9881.88	6079.71
6.	CRSP	44.09	28.05	16.04	0.00	138.09	0.00
7.	IWDP	–	–	100.00	0.00	272.00	0.00

(b) The Central Pool of Resources has been constituted pursuant to the announcement of the then Prime Minister in October, 1996 regarding North

East, primarily to meet the requirements of the specific development projects in the North East, including Sikkim. The other States (including J&K), therefore, do not qualify to draw the benefits of the Central Pool. The request of the J&K Government in this regard has been forwafded to the Ministry of Home Affairs (Department of Jammu & Kashmir Affairs) for examining their proposal in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Infrastructure facilities to girl students in A.P.

4069. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Union Government to provide infrastructure facilities like water, sanitation and primary education to girl students in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has allocated any Central share in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) : (a) and (b) The following two proposals were received in the Department of Elementary Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development from the Government of Andhra Pradesh :

(i) Proposal for rain water harvesting and sanitation in schools through a scheme called "Integrated Water and Sanitation Project in Schools of Andhra Pradesh" utilising the Technical Cooperation (TC) funds of the Department for International Development (DFID) under District Primary Education Programme (DPEP).

(ii) Proposal for approval of District Elementary Education Plans for 4 non-DPEP districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna and Hyderabad under the scheme of Sarva Shikhsha Abhiyan which also includes interventions for education to girl students.

(c) and (d) Regarding the proposal at (i) above, it was found that the same did not fall within the puriew of DPEP, which has already been conveyed to the Government of Andhra Pradesh. As regards the proposal at (ii) above,